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SUBJECT: SAUDIS HEAR CLAIMS OF AGGRESSIVE U.S. DESIGNS
AGAINST THEM

1. MUHAMMAD MAS'UD, ACTING MINISTER OF STATE FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS READ ME THIS AFTERNOON (JAN 21) A
TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM THE SAUDI MISSION IN GENEVA.
IT REPORTED THAT TWO AMERICANS, ONE RESIDENT IN
DENMARK, APPROACHED THE MISSION WITH THE REPORT THAT
THE UNITED STATES INTENDED TO INVADE SAUDI ARABIA IN
MARCH OR APRIL AND THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO COME
TO SAUDI ARABIA TO FILL THE SAUDIS IN ON THE DETAILS.

2. PRINCE SULTAN, SAUDI MINISTER OF DEFENSE, ASKED
MAS'UD TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH ME AND TO POINT OUT
THAT MANY SAUDIS AND OTHER ARABS ARE STILL NOT
SURE THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE AGGRESSIVE
PLANS.

3. I TOLD MAS'UD TO THANK PRINCE SULTAN FOR HIS
CONFIDENCE; SAID THAT I HAD NO DOUBT THE SAUDI
MISSION WAS REPORTING ACCURATELY. THERE WERE
CERTAINLY MANY AMERICANS - AND OTHERS - WHO
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WOULD BE WILLING TO TELL ANY STORY IN RETURN FOR

SOME OF THE READY CASH SAUDI ARABIA HAS LYING
AROUND. I WAS PLEASED THAT PRINCE SULTAN AND
SHAIKH MUHAMMAD TOOK THE REPORT SO LIGHTLY. I
CERTAINLY DID.
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